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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM FINNISH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT KEKKONEN. BEGIN TEXT. THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES AFFORDS ME THE GREAT PLEASURE TO EXTEND TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MY MOST HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TOGETHER WITH MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELL-BEING AND FOR THE HAPPINESS AND CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF THE AMERICAN NATION. ALLOW ME ALSO TO SAY, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT IT IS WITH GREAT INTEREST THAT I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT YOUR COUNTRY DURING THIS MEMORABLE YEAR. URHO KEKKONEN. END TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT. BEGIN TEXT. ON BEHALF OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST

WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE
200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES
ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY,

EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTI-
CIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. I ALSO LOOK FORWARD
WITH PLEASURE TO YOUR FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE UNITED
STATES WHICH WILL ASSUREDLY SERVE TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE
TRADITIONAL BONDS OF FINNISH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP.
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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